

## Message Text

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BOGOTA 7606

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: EAIR, CO  
SUBJ: CIVIL AVIATION

REF: A. STATE 167737 B. STATE 190747 C. STATE 201758

1. BEGIN CONFIDENTIAL. AS INSTRUCTED IN REFTEL A., EMBOFFS CALLED ON MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS TO EXPRESS CONCERN ABOUT POLITICIZATION OF ICAO. EMBOFFS SPOKW WITH HUMBERTO RUIZ VARELA, CHIEF OF THE LEGAL DIVISION AND MINISTRY'S REPRESENTATIVE ON COLOMBIA' CIVIL AVIATION BOARD. DR. RUIZ EXPRESSED HIS CONCERN WITH THE MATTER AND AGREED THAT THERE IS NO ROOM FOR POLITICS IN A TECHNICAL FORUM. HE STATED THAT HE WILL INFORM THE ENTIRE BOARD AT THEIR NEXT MEETING (THIS GROUP MEETS TWICE A WEEK BUT HAS NOT MET LATELY BECAUSE OF CHANGE IN ADMINISTRATION).

2. IN CONVERSATION, DR. RUIZ STATED THAT HE WAS UNAWARE OF THE MEETING AND POLICY PLANNING DISCUSSED IN REFTEL C. AND PREVIOUS. ALTHOUGH, IN MAKING THIS STATEMENT, HE CAREFULLY NOTED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE ANY WRITTEN, OFFICIAL INFORMATION. HE DID OFFER TO CHECK AND DISCUSS THE MATTER FURTHER WITH EMBOFFS. END  
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3. BEGIN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE. AT THE SAME TIME EMBOFFS PRESENTED RUIZ WITH A LETTER SIGNED BY COMATT DESCRIBING CAB PROCEDURES USED IN PROCESSING AVIANCA'S APPLICATION TO EXTEND SERVICE FROM SAN JUAN TO ROME AND MILAN. A COPY OF THIS LETTER WAS LEFT WITH THE SUBSECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AFFIARS (REFTEL B.).

4. COMMENT: CIVIL AVIATION AUTHORITY IN COLOMBIA IS  
CURRENTLY UNDERGOING CHANGE OF LEADERSHIP AS A CONSEQUENCE OF  
CHANGE IN PRESIDENCY. IT WILL BE DIFFICULT TO ATTEMPT TO SECURE  
MEANINGFUL INFORMATION UNTIL NEW LEADERSHIP FULLY IN PLACE. END  
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